(a) the amount spent on the implementation of the Health and Family Welfare Schemes during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1992-93 till 31st May, 1992 State-wise indicating whether the targets fixed for the said period were achieved ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether Government propose to amend the Representation of People Act so that persons who are not following the norms of family planning would be debarred in future for taking part in voting for general elections in the country, if so, by when ; and

(d) if not, what other disincentives Government propose to bring forward for controlling the population growth ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) The matter is under consideration.

Conference on radiology and imaging in Delhi

2128. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the conference on radiology and imaging organised in Delhi recently ; and

(b) if so, what are the latest developments in radiology and imaging techniques for general health and welfare of the public at large ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The latest technique of Ultrasound, Mammography, Whole Body CT Scanning, Magnetic Rexonance Imaging, Digital Subtration Techniques, are being extensively used for diagnosis and treatment follow up in many disorders specially in early cancer detection and management.

Compulsory sterilisation cases

2129. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that target compulsions on implementing authorities for sterilisation of eligible couples under Family Welfare Schemes lead to unpleasant practices such as sterilising unmarried persons, old men, and invalid beggers ;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to prevent such malpractices ; and

(c) whether Government have detected such cases and if so, what steps are being taken to punish the defaulters ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) The National Family Welfare Programme is being implemented purely on a voluntary basis. The implementation of the programme rests with the States/Union Territories. Targets in respect of Family Planning Programmes including Sterilisation are being fixed on annual basis in consultation with the States/Union Territories and keeping in view the trend of performances in the past and long term demographic goals. While achievements against the targets fixed are monitored, no compulsions are imposed on the States/Union Territories.

(b) and (c) In order to ascertain the veracity/eligibility of acceptors of family planning methods as reported by the States/Union Territories, a scheme of continuous sample verification has been in vague. This is being carried out both by Central and the State Governments machinery. Based on the findings of these field sample checks, regular feed back is sent to the concerned State Governments enabling them to take suitable remedial steps, with a view to improving the quality of the Family Welfare Programme. However, as and when ineligible cases come to notice, the State Governments/Union Territories are requested to have these cases investigated for taking appropriate corrective action.

Research on caterpillars

2130. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Institute of Immunology has been carrying out any research to use caterpillars for mass production of sex harmones to be used as anti-pregnancy vaccines ; and

(b) if so, with what success so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The National Institute of Immunology has been carrying out research on caterpillars for production of a pregnancy harmone, h C G (Human Chorionic Genedotropin) which can be used, eventually, as an ingredient of the anti-pregnancy vaccine.

(b) Research studies so far conducted show that the sub-unit of h C G is made in this genetically engineered system. However, the workability of the sub-unit made in this system for the vaccine is still to be evaluated.

Complaints against the supply of contaminated glucose bottles

2131. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 858 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13 h August, 1990 and state :

(a) whether a complaint regarding the contaminated glucose bottles was also lodged with the Drug Controller of India ; and

(b) if so, the date of complaint and the action taken by the Drug Controller on the basis of that complaint ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) The Drugs Controller (India) came to know about the contaminated glucose case from the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on 9-10-1989. The CBI had requested the DGHS that samples of allegedly contaminated IV fluids lying with M/s. Eskay Pharmaceuticals, New Delhi, may be got tested by the Central Drugs Laboratory after being drawn by the Central Inspectors.

The Central Drugs Inspectors of the North Zone, randomly drew damples of 20 batches and sent them to the Central Drugs Laboratory, Calcutta, for test and analysis. Out of these samples, 14 samples were found not of standard quality for the reasons that they contained fungus One sample failed in pyrogen test and five samples were declared to be of standard quality.

Based on the results of the analysis and investigations, prosecution was launched agains M/s. Eskay Pharmaceuticals as well as M/s. Osler Pharma